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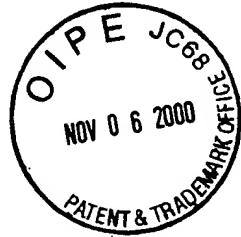
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Sir:

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A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.


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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents Applicant submits the attached translation. A copy of the original catalogue sheets is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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